GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services - Revenue Department - Sri Turimella Chiranjeevi, S/O Ramaiah, Age 59 Years, Formerly Tahsildar, Ongole, Prakasam District - Disciplinary proceedings under rule - 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 - Articles of charge - Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.798

Dated: 29.08.2023

ORDER:

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri Turimella Chiranjeevi, S/O Ramaiah, Age 59 Years, Formerly Tahsildar of Ongole, Prakasam District., with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the enquiry are proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Articles of Charges (Annexure - I). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-II & III).

3. Sri Turimella Chiranjeevi, S/O Ramaiah, Age 59 Years, Formerly Tahsildar of Ongole, Prakasam District., is directed to submit a written statement of his defense within 10 days of receipt of this order.

4. Sri Turimella Chiranjeevi, S/O Ramaiah, Age 59 Years, Formerly Tahsildar of Ongole, Prakasam District., is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charges as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri Turimella Chiranjeevi, S/O Ramaiah, Age 59 Years, Formerly Tahsildar of Ongole, Prakasam District. , is further informed that if they do not submit his written statement of defense on or before the date specified in para 3 above further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri Turimella Chiranjeevi, S/O Ramaiah, Age 59 Years, Formerly Tahsildar Of Ongole, Prakasam District. , invited to Rule 24 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules 1964 under which no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings, it will be presumed that Sri Turimella Chiranjeevi, S/O Ramaiah, Age 59 Years, Formerly Tahsildar Of Ongole, Prakasam District., is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules 1964.

7. The receipt of this Order may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G.SAI PRASAD
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri Turimella Chiranjeevi, S/O Ramaiah, Age 59 Years, Formerly Tahsildar Of Ongole, Prakasam District., (Through the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri for service and to return the served copy with dated acknowledgement immediately (By RPAD))

The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada

The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.

Copy to:

The District Collector, Prakasam District

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ANNEXURE -I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI TURIMELLA CHIRANJEEVI, S/O RAMAIAH, AGE 59 YEARS, FORMERLY TAHSILDAR OF ONGOLE, PRAKASAM DISTRICT.

Article of charge:

That Sri Turimella Chiranjeevi, S/o Ramaiah, age 59 years, formerly Tahsildar, Ongole, Prakasam District (herein after referred as Government Servant) while functioning as such during the period from 03.06.2007 to 21.02.2009 and from June 2009 to September 2010 committed grave misconduct in as much as:

Charge:

That the Government Servant while working as Tahsildar, Ongole from 03.06.2007 to 21.02.2009 and from June 2009 to September 2010, connived with his staff, he cancelled 22 existing house site pattas in Uracheruvu land which was alienated long back in favour of Ongole Municipality and in the possession of Ongole Municipality and re-assigned the same house site pattas irregularly without requisition/resolution by Municipal Authorities with the assistance of his staff i.e. Revenue officials by violating procedure prescribed under Board Standing Orders (BSO) and also violating the Hon'ble Supreme Court orders in Civil Appeal No.4787/2010.

Thus the Government Servant Sri Turimella Chiranjeevi, formerly Tahsildar, Ongole by his above mentioned acts exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a government servant and brought down the prestige of the Government and thereby contravened/violated Rule 3(1), 3(2), 3(3) & 3(5) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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ANNEXURE -II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATION OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI TURIMELLA CHIRANJEEVI, S/O RAMAIAH, AGE 59 YEARS, FORMERLY TAHSILDAR OF ONGOLE, PRAKASAM DISTRICT.

Sri Turimella Chiranjeevi, S/o Ramaiah, age 59 years, formerly Tahsildar, Ongole, Prakasam District. His date of birth is 15-05-1964. He entered into Government service on 05-08-1995 as Deputy Tahsildar and worked as such at Udayagiri MRO's office, Collector's office, Nellore, MRO's office, Manubolu, MRO's office,. He was promoted as Tahsildar on 12.02.2004 and worked at Chinnaganjam, Repalle and worked at Ongole from 03.06.2007 to 21.02.2009 and from June 2009 to September 2010. He is drawing basic pay of Rs. 55,510/-. He is due to retire on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.05.2026. He is hereinafter referred to as Government Servant.

Charge:

That the Government Servant while working as Tahsildar, Ongole from 03.06.2007 to 21.02.2009 and from June 2009 to September 2010, connived with his staff, he cancelled 22 existing house site pattas in Uracheruvu land which was alienated long back in favour of Ongole Municipality and in the possession of Ongole Municipality and re-assigned the same house site pattas irregularly without requisition/resolution by Municipal Authorities with the assistance of his staff i.e. Revenue officials by violating procedure prescribed under Board Standing Orders (BSO) and also violating the Hon'ble Supreme Court orders in Civil Appeal No.4787/2010.

Facts and Evidence:

That a petition had been put forth by Sri P.Malakondaiah, President, Prakasam district praja Sankshema Seva Snagham, Ongole alleging that the Government Servant Sri T.Chiranjeevi, formerly Tahsildar, Ongole had resorted to serious irregularities and corrupt practices in the alienation of land to M/S VANPIC and in the payment of compensation to the land assignees. Similarly, he issued Pattas in Ura Cheruvu of Ongole Town, which land was alienated to Ongole Municipality a long back by accepting bribe amounts. Sri S. Ravindra Babu, Municipal Commissioner, Ongole Municipality had colluded with rich persons and allowed them to occupy and construct buildings unauthorized in government lands of "URA TANK" Poram Boku lands, by accepting huge amounts as bribe.

Basing on the Discreet Enquiry report submitted by the then IO Sri T.V.V. Pratap Kumar, Inspector, Anti Corruption Bureau, Ongole, the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, AP, Hyderabad, the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, AP, Hyderabad ordered a Regular Enquiry vide C.No.11/RE-NPK/2011 dated 24-05-2011 and entrusted the RE to the Inspector, to submit Regular Enquiry report in this regard.

Subsequently with regard to the subject of VANPIC (Allegation No.I) a case in Cr.No.7/RCO-OGL/2015 was registered and investigated separately. With regard to URA Cheruvu lands the enquiry was conducted against the Government Servant Sri T. Chiranjeevi (Allegation No. II (A)) and Sri S. Ravindra Babu (Allegation No. II (B).

During the course of regular enquiry in Allegation No.II (A) relevant records were collected and the relevant witnesses were examined to know the allegations raised by the complainant against the Government Servant are genuine or not. During the course of enquiry, the complainant (Mala Kondaiah) and the Revenue officials were examined as witnesses. As per DK Patta register, house Pattas issued to citizens and its note file, the statement of Revenue Divisional Officer, Ongole, proves the allegation of issuing pattas irregularly by the Government Servant and his staff (Revenue officials).

It is highly irregular on the part of the Government Servant to assign house sites in Ura Chervuvu lands which were alienated in favour of Ongole Municipality long back and without any resolution passed by Ongole Municipality in this regard. Further the Government Servant did not follow the procedure described under Board Standing Orders (BSO) and also violating the Hon'ble Supreme Court orders in Civil Appeal No.4787/2010.

Further the beneficiaries who were allotted house sites in Uracheruvu lands by the Government Servant had submitted applications stating that they are already in possession of the house sites since about 3 years and constructed houses in the same. But surprisingly in the

resumption order there was no such mention and on the contrary the land was shown to be vacant which amounts to suppression of facts.

DETAILS OF RESUMPTION AND REASSIGNING OF DK PATTA'S CARRIED OUT BY THE GOVERNMENT SERVANT SRI T. CHIRANJEEVI AND OTHERS REVENUE OFFICIALS IN T.S.NO.14/1, URA TANK LANDS OF ONGOLE TOWN.

Sl. No.	Plot/ Extent (Sq.ft)/DK No.	Name of the person whose Patta was cancelled	Date of issuing resumption order	Plot/ Extent(Sq.ft)/ DK No.	Name of the beneficiary who was issued fresh D.K. Patta	Date of issuing DK Patta	File No.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)		(5)	(6)	(7)
I. 1	64 0.0780 16/F1403	Anumala Rama Rao S/o Subba Rao	07.09. 2009	64 0.0780 41/ F1419	Bathula Rathamma W/o Devadanam	07.09. 2009	Rc.B/1 061/20 09, Dt. 07.09.2 009
2	9 0.0475 63/F1409	Vellepur Seshamma W/o Ankamma	07.09. 2009	9 0.0475 41/ F1419	Kambothu Venkata Subbamma W/o Saibaba	07.09. 2009	-do-
II. 1	58 0.400 52/F1401	Bathula Tirupalu S/o Venkaiah	18.07. 2009	58A 0.200 6/F141 9	Bursu Parvathi D/o Subbaiah	18.07. 2009	Rc.B/8 31/200 9 Dt.18.7 . 09
				58B 0.200 6/F141 9	Gunji Subbulu W/o Tataiah	-do-	-do-
2	77 0.510 167/F1412	Dirisala Rajyalakshmi W/o Koteswara Rao	18.07. 2009	77 0.510 6/F141 9	Kaveti Padma W/o Venkateswarl u	-do-	-do-
3	41 0.750 38/F1401	Bezawada Srinivasa Rao S/o Chinna Pullaiah	-do-	41 0.750 6/F141 9	Sadu China Venkata Subbaiah S/o Venkata Chalamaiah	-do-	-do-
4	62 0.900 416/F1415	Sripoda Vara Prasada Rao S/o Subbaiah	-do-	62 0.900 6/F141 9	Pulivarti Malakondaiah s/o Pedakondaia h	-do-	-do-
III. 1	29 0.308 52/F1401	Bathula Venkaiah S/o Yellamanda	12.02. 2009	29 0.308 95/F14 18	Kathula Yadagiri s/o Musalaiah	28.06. 2009	Rc.B/2 26/200 9 Dt.28. 06.2009
2	9 0.600 44/F1397	Swarna Seetharama mma W/o Laskhminaray ana	-do-	9 0.600 95/F14 18	Tanniru Seshamma W/o Guravaiah	-do-	-do-
3	27 0.600 52/F1401	Bathula Venkateswarl u S/o Yellamanda		27 0.600 95/F14 18	Bojja Poleru D/o Guravaiah	-do-	-do-
4	46 0.320 54/F1401	Pogaru Santhamma W/o Veeraiah		26, 46 0.592 95/F14 18	Sompalli Jyothi W/o Madhava Rao	-do-	-do-
5	26	Pedakathula	-do-				

	0.272 54/F1401	Babulu S/o Venkateswarlu					
IV 1	63B 0.390 74/F1412	Darsi Varalakshmi W/o Narasimha Rao	27.06.2009	63B 0.390 99/F1418	Kunchala Seshaiah S/o Venkateswarlu	28.06.2009	Rc.B/861/2009 Dt.28.06.2009
V 1	54C 0.375 17/F1410	Pulavarthi Annapurnamma W/o Veerabrahmanandam	26.06.2009	54C 0.375 100/F1418	Smt. Nannuri Indiramma W/o Venkateswarlu	27.06.2009	Rc.B/862/2009 Dt.27.06.2009
VI 1	7 0.600 83/F1409	Koneti Lakshmi Kanthamma W/o Subba Rao	18.01.2009	7 0.600 52/F1418	Shaik Nayab Rasool s/o Khajavali	19.01.2009	Rc.B/43/2009 Dt.19.01.2009
VII 1	75 0.408	Mallela Venkaiah s/o Subbaiah	07.09.2009	75 0.408 32/1F1419	Pallepu Srinivasulu S/o Guravaiah	07.09.2009	Rc.B/119/2009 Dt.07.09.2009
2	65B 0.780 22/F1414	Boddu Lakshmamma W/o Rathaiah	-do-	65B 0.780 32/F1419	Pallepu Sunitha W/o Ramakrishna	-do-	-do-
VIII 1	69 0.560 50/F1409	Tummareddy Seshireddy S/o Murthy Reddy	19.12.2009	69 0.560 101/F1419	Purini Srinivasulu S/o Venkateswara Reddy	05.01.2010	Rc.B/1292/2009 Dt.05.01.2010
IX 1	27 0.224 18/F1397	Bojja Venkaiah	20.01.2010	23, 27 0.476 133/F1419	Sangani Vishnu Narayana S/o Venkateswamy	06.02.2010	Rc.B/52/2010 Dt. 06.02.2010
2	23 0.252 15/F1397	Chinakathula Yedukondalu S/o Musalaiah	-do-				
X 1	57 0.400 181/F1415	Upputholla Rajyam W/o Sriramulu	18.01.2009	57 0.400 114/F1419	Upputholla Nancharaiah S/o Subba Rao	03.02.2010	Rc.B/34/2010, Dt. 03.02.2010
XI 1	71 0.510 149/F1410	Nagineni Pushpalatha W/o Venkata Subbaiah	14.02.2010	71 0.510 142/F1419	Yattapu Kondareddy S/o Yogeswara Rao	02.03.2010	Rc.B/110/2010 Dt.02.03.2010
2	70 0.510 149/F1410	Kola Anjamma W/o Venkateswarlu	-do-	70 0.510 142/F1419	Gouravarapu Jayamma W/o Venkateswarlu	-do-	-do-

XII 1				Nil 0.750 172/F1 419	Smt. Tummalapudi Nagalakshmi W/o Venkateswarlu	16.05. 2010	Rc.B/2 00/201 0 Dt. 16.05. 2010

The Government Servant T. Chiranjeevi had worked as Tahsildar Ongole from 03.06.2007 to 21.02.2009 and from June 2009 to September 2010. During his tenure at Ongole, the Government Servant with the connivance of other Revenue officials granted 22 DK Patta house sites in TS No.14/1 of Ongole popularly known as "Ura Tank" to the individuals mentioned in Column No.5 of the table illegally by cancelling the earlier pattas held in the names of the individuals mentioned in Column No.3 of the table. As is seen from the files, the individuals mentioned in Column No.3 of the Table, neither has been residing in the Plots allotted to them nor they constructed any structures in the Plots in TS No.14/1 of Ongole. During the alleged resumption process, the individuals mentioned in Column No.3 of the table were shown to be not traced for serving the notices on them for seeking their explanations as to why the Plots in their possession shall not be resumed. As per the resumption orders the Plots were shown to be vacant. Thereafter, the same plots were reassigned to the individuals mentioned in column No.5 of the Table. On contrary to the above, in the statements of the individuals mentioned in column No.5 and in the reports of Revenue officials i.e. VRO, MRI and Asst. Surveyors, the plots were mentioned to be already in the possession of the individuals noted in Column No.5 in which they constructed Buildings/Sheds also. The individuals mentioned in Column No.5 applied to the then Government Servant to allot DK Pattas to the plots in their possession and the Government Servant by conniving with other revenue officials issued DK Pattas for the plots which were already in the possession of the individuals mentioned in column No.5. Further, there was no time gap between the dates of resuming the plots from the previous DK pattadars mentioned in Column No.3 of the table and the dates of granting Pattas to the individuals mentioned in Column No.5 following the usual formalities as per the Act. In most of the cases, resumption and reassigning of pattas appears to have been done on the same day. Thus, it is obvious that the process of resumption and reassigning of the plots was nothing but a sham which was only created for record purpose and not a true reflection of the conditions in ground reality.

In this connection, it is pertinent to mention that, the land in T.S.No.14/1 in which the DK Pattas were allegedly given was classified as Ura Tank as per Ongole Municipal Records. No DK pattas can be given in Tank bed porambokes and in case DK pattas have to be given in the Tank bed porambokes, it should be changed into assessed waste lands /village site for providing house sites to the weaker sections. The classification also needs to be changed by the Government. After changing the classification, the Tahsildar should grant house site pattas to the beneficiaries falling under BPL category as per the provisions laid down under BSO 21 by forming a layout and after approval by the competent authority duly following usual formalities. But the Government Servant and other Revenue officials violated the procedure and ignored all the above said facts and issued DK pattas illegally to the individuals mentioned in Column No.5 as per their whims and fancies.

Further it is irregular on the part of the Government Servant and other Revenue officials to grant DK pattas in Ura Tank lands which was alienated in favour of Ongole Municipality long back and without any resolution passed by Ongole Municipality.

Further, the Hon'ble Supreme Court has also issued orders dated 25.07.2001 in Civil Appeal No.4787/2001 stating that material resources of the community like Forests, Tanks, Ponds, Hillocks and Mountains maintain delicate ecological balance and they need to be protected for a proper and healthy environment which enables people to enjoy a quality life which is the essence of guaranteed right under article 21 of the constitution. The Hon'ble court also emphasized to protect such resources.

But, the Government Servant and other Revenue officials instead of evicting the individuals mentioned in Column No.5 who had illegally encroached the plots and constructed permanent structures in TS No.14/1 of Ongole which was classified as Ura Tank, had granted DK Pattas illegally flouting the procedure laid down in Board Standing Orders and in contra to the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

Thus the Government Servant Sri Turimella Chiranjeevi, formerly Tahsildar, Ongole by his above mentioned acts exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a government servant and brought down the prestige of the Government and thereby contravened/violated Rule 3(1), 3(2), 3(3) & 3(5) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Thus, the Government Servant Sri Turimella Chiranjeevi has rendered himself liable for regular departmental enquiry for major penalty under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

Hence the charge

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ANNEXURE -III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI TURIMELLA CHIRANJEEVI, S/O RAMAIAH; AGE 59 YEARS, FORMERLY TAHSILDAR OF ONGOLE, PRAKASAM DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

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1. Rc.B/422/2011, Dt.07.03.2012 of Smt. M. Sridevi, Tahsildar, Ongole mandal, pertaining to issuing of files relating to grant of House site pattas in URA land in T.S.No.14/1 of Ongole Town during the period of the Government Servant T. Chiranjeevi.

Sl.No.	File.No.	DK No.
1	RC. B/1061/2009	41/F1419
2	RC. B/831/2009	6/F1419
3	RC. B/226/2009	95/F1418
4	RC. B/861/2009	99/F1418
5	RC. B/862/2009	100/F1418
6	RC. B/43/2009	52/F1418
7	RC. B/119/2009	32/F1419
8	RC. B/1292/2009	101/F1419
9	RC. B/52/2009	133/F1419
10	RC. B/34/2009	114/F1419
11	RC. B/110/2009	142/F1419
12	RC. B/200/2009	172/F1419

2. Rc.No.34/2016-CRDA Unit-19, Dt.25.10.2016 of the Competent Authority and Special Dy. Collector, CRDA Unit No.19, Sakhamuru(V), Thullur (M), Guntur Dist. pertaining to the service particulars and APRs of the Government Servant Sri T. Chiraneevi, Tahsildar.

Any other document to be filed at the time of enquiry.

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ANNEXURE -IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI TURIMELLA CHIRANJEEVI, S/O RAMAIAH; AGE 59 YEARS, FORMERLY TAHSILDAR OF ONGOLE, PRAKASAM DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

S.No.	Name of the witnesses		Brief facts
1.	Sri Kamma Srinivasa Rao S/o Venkateswarlu, Age-49 yrs, Revenue Divisional Officer, Ongole, Prakasam district		To speak about the procedural aspect for assignment of House Sites in TS No.14/1 of Ongole Town & Mandal along with specific remarks, duly scrutinized the files, about granting house site pattas, irregularities committed by Revenue officials and etc., facts.
2.	Sri K Chiranjeevi, S/o Peda Gangaiah, age 31-yrs, Tahsildar, Koneru Rangar Rao Committee, O/o RDO, Ongole		To speak about his verifying the files relating to grant of house site pattas in Ura Lands in T.S.No.14/1 of Ongole Town which are 12 in number and identified the signatures of the then Revenue officers and staff worked in O/o Tahsildar, Ongole and etc., facts.
3.	Smt. M. Sreedevi, Tahisldar, Ongole Mandal, Prakasam District		To speak about her handing over the files pertains to House site pattas in Ura Cheruvu land vested in TS.No.14/1 of Ongole Town, issued during the stint of the Government Servant Sri T. Chiranjeevi, formerly Tahsildar, Onglole, on the direction of the District Collector, Prakasam District and etc., facts..
4.	Sri Palakeeti Malakondaiah, S/o Peddaiah, age: 60-yrs, President, Prakasam District Praja Samkshema Sangam bearing Regn. No.608/94, RTC Depot, Ura Cheruvu Road, Ongole		To speak about his corroborating the facts mentioned in his petition without furnishing any documentary evidence in connection with the allegations mentioned in the petition and etc., facts.
5.	Sri T.V.V. Pratap Kumar, Inspector, ACB, Ongole		To speak about receiving entrustment from the ACB Head Office to conduct Regular Enquiry, his investigation and examination of witnesses and etc. facts.
6.	Sri V. Sudhakara Reddy, Inspector, ACB, Ongole		To speak about his further investigation and etc. facts.
7.	Sri T.V. Srinivasa Rao, Inspector, ACB, Nellore, FAC Ongole		To speak about his further investigation and etc. facts.
8.	Sri R.V.S.N. Murty, DSP, ACB, Prakasam District, Ongole		To speak about his further investigation and examination of witnesses and etc. facts.

Any other witness if necessary will be produced at the time of enquiry.

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